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In re Application of :  
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Application No. 09/814,581 :  
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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**  
**DECISION ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the renewed petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 6, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to submit the issue fee in a timely manner in reply to the Notice of Allowance mailed May 16 2002, which set a statutory period for reply of three (3) months. Accordingly, by operation of law, the above-identified application became abandoned on August 17, 2002.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of payment of the Issue Fee; (2) the petition fee of \$770; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the Issue Fee payment is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Felix O. Figueroa at (571) 272-6052 or in his absence, the undersigned at (571) 272-7099.

The application file is being referred to the office of Data Management.

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